

## Personnel - General

### CIVIL AIR PATROL UNIFORM MANUAL

CAPM 39-1, 1 July 1997, is supplemented as follows:

**1-11.d. (Added) Dress and Appearance.** This supplement specifies the wear of certain optional items in order to maintain standards of uniformity of appearance within California Wing. In addition, this document provides direction in the wear of items that were not addressed in CAPM 39-1.

**(1) Safety.** Items such as bright orange vests with reflective panels, whistles, or other safety items may be worn with any uniform combination or civilian clothing when appropriate.

**(2) Body Piercing.** While participating in CAP activities, members are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue, or any exposed body part (including visible through the uniform). **EXCEPTION:** Females, please refer to CAPM 39-1, Paragraph 1-11.b.(2).

**(3) Laminated Plastic ID Cards.** Activity commanders may design and produce heat laminated ID cards for identification of staff members only. Cards will be clipped to the left side collar or pocket flap of the uniform. This section does not apply to the membership card issued by National Headquarters, or to the CAP Form 19 *CAP Photo Identification Card*. When an identification card is required by another organization for activity participation, it will be worn per this paragraph.

**(4) Distinctive Dress/Accessories.** For designation of staff members at activities, i.e., air shows, the following items are authorized:

- (a) armbands
- (b) ascots (scarves)
- (c) reflective tape on baseball caps.

**2.d. (Added) Load Bearing Equipment (LBE).** Load Bearing Equipment (previously referred to as ALICE gear) may be worn for field activities with the BDU or Ground Team uniform. When

performing duties in public view (air shows, etc.) limited equipment (pistol belt and canteen) will be worn. Nonessential equipment such as knives, large packs, or flashlights (during daytime) are not authorized.

**Table 2-2, Item 11 (Added) BDU Undershirt.** Cadets will wear black T-shirts with the BDU uniform at all Wing level cadet activities. Silk-screening and designs are permitted, but will not be visible when wearing the blouse.

**Table 2-4, Item 11 (Added) BDU Undershirt.** Cadets will wear black T-shirts with the BDU uniform at all Wing level cadet activities. Silk-screening and designs are permitted, but will not be visible when wearing the blouse.

**Table 2-5, Item 9. (Added) Pens, Pencils, Etc.** When wearing the USAF service uniform, items will not be placed in the shirt pockets and bulky items will not be carried in or extending from the pants pockets.

**Table 2-5, Item 10. (Added) Pagers, Cell Phone, Etc.** Either a pager or a phone may be carried on the belt while wearing the USAF service uniform.

**3-8.a. (Added) Service Cap.** Wear of the service cap by cadet officers with service and service dress uniform combinations is authorized

**3-8.c. (Added) BDU Headgear.** BDU caps that are available at only USAF clothing sales stores may be worn. Those available from stores of other services are NOT authorized. Baseball caps may be worn at the option of unit commanders. Only cadet officers wear cloth grade insignia on the covers.

**3-9.a. (Added) Service Cap.** Wear of the service cap by cadet officers with the service and service dress uniform combinations is authorized.

**3-9.c. (Added) BDU Headgear.** BDU caps that are available at only USAF clothing sales stores may be worn. Those available from stores of other services are NOT authorized. Baseball caps may be worn at the option of unit commanders. Only cadet officers wear cloth grade insignia on the covers.

**4-4.d. (Added) Military Service Awards and Badges.** Only members with prior or current military service may wear military awards and ribbons earned while on active duty (includes National Guard and Reserves), provided:

(1) The USAF authorizes the insignia for wear on the USAF uniform and it is listed in Figure 4-5 or Table 5-4.

(2) Copies of legal military orders or DD 214 *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* authorizing the wear of the badges and/or decorations are on file at the member's home unit.

**5-1 (Added) BDU Grade Insignia (NCOs).** Senior Member NCOs will wear USAF subdued grade insignia (chevrons) on the BDU sleeves. Insignia shall be centered halfway between the shoulder seam and the elbow.

**Table 5-2, Item 2 (Added)** Because of its unusual design, the California Wing patch is placed 3/4 inch below the shoulder seam. See Figure 5-12, below, for detailed instructions.

**5-4 (Added) Cadet First Sergeant Whistle and Diamond.** Cadet First Sergeants may wear a chrome-plated whistle on a chain. On the service uniform, the chain is clipped to the button of the left epaulet. The whistle is hung on a hanger centered on the top of the left breast pocket so that the top of the hanger is worn flush with the top of the pocket (or similar location for females). For BDU's, the hanger is placed in a similar fashion with the chain attached to a small safety pin concealed under the collar. First Sergeants below the grade of C/MSGT may wear the Cadet First Sergeant Diamond device

above the grade insignia. C/MSGT and above will wear the grade insignia that incorporates the First Sergeant Diamond. Cadets may wear the diamond and/or whistle only while performing First Sergeant duties. If a squadron First Sergeant attends another activity where he is not performing First Sergeant duties, he shall not wear the diamond or whistle. The whistle is ornamental and may be blown only in case of emergency. If a cadet officer is acting as First Sergeant, he may wear the whistle, but not the First Sergeant Diamond.

**6-2.b.(3) (Added)** Only baseball caps will be worn with the bright royal blue jump suit. Unit commanders will designate the color of the cap.

**6-4.b. (Added)** The gray or blue knit golf shirt with the embroidered California Wing patch, or any color knit golf shirt awarded for participation in the Counter Drug program is authorized for wear within California. These shirts may be worn during CAP flight activity when the NOMEX flight suit is not required.

**6-6 (Added) Ground Team Uniform.** Members participating in ground team operations may wear the following optional uniform combination. Placement of insignia is identical to that shown in Figure 2-14 for BDUs with the exceptions noted below.

a. Description:

(1) Long or short sleeve orange, two pocket shirt without epaulets.

(2) BDU trousers.

(3) Dark blue web belt with black subdued buckle (USAF style).

(4) Boots appropriate for conditions. The Ground Team Leader will be the final authority for the suitability of boots.

(5) Outer garments appropriate for weather and safety conditions.

b. NOTES: Only the following insignia and patches will be worn.

(1) Civil Air Patrol Blue Breast Badge is worn centered immediately above the left shirt pocket.

(2) Blue Name Tag - cloth is worn centered immediately above the right shirt pocket (only the last name is used).

(3) CAP Aviation Badges and Ground Team Badge.-.Cloth, are worn 1/2 inch above the "Civil Air Patrol" tape. If both devices are worn, the aviation badge is placed 1/2 inch above the Ground Team Badge.

(4) A cloth Specialty Badge (Communications, EMT, CPR, etc) may be worn centered on the left shirt pocket.

(5) A unit patch may be worn centered on the right shirt pocket.

(6) The California Wing patch is worn 3/4 inch below the shoulder seam on the left sleeve. See Figure 5-12, below.

(7) The NASAR SARTECH II or OES Search and Rescue patch, with or without attached tab, may be worn 3/4 inch below the shoulder seam on the right sleeve.

c. Insignia NOT authorized on the Ground Team Uniform combination:

- (1) Grade insignia.
- (2) CAP Lapel/Collar insignia
- (3) Military Aviation Badges
- (4) Metal insignia.

**7-1 (Added) Wing Commander Authorized Optional Items.** The following items are authorized for wear by members of special groups.

- a. Shoulder cords
- b. Leggings, white canvas and white laces with boots
- c. Ascots (Scarves)
- d. White Gloves
- e. Belts, Utility (Pistol)
- f. Helmets and helmet liners

**7-3.a. (Added) Shoulder Cords.** Authorized senior members and cadets may wear shoulder cords as listed below on the service and service dress uniforms. Members may wear the cord only while they are a current member of one of the groups and have orders assigning them to that group (CAPF 2a or Personnel Authorization). Shoulder cords are to be of the Infantry style only.

<u>ACTIVITY/POSITION</u>	<u>CORD COLOR</u>
Wing CAC Chairman	Blue
Wing CAC Member	Red
Wing Drill Team	Dark Blue/Gold

Wing Color Guard	Dark Blue/Gold
Sqdn/Grp Color Guard	White
Primary Sqdn CAC Rep	Red/White

**7-3.c. (Added) Scarves.** In addition to color guards, activity commanders may authorize ascots for identification during special activities such as air shows or schools. Ascots are not authorized at regular meetings. Squadron or group scarves with distinctive coloration may be worn only with flight suits.

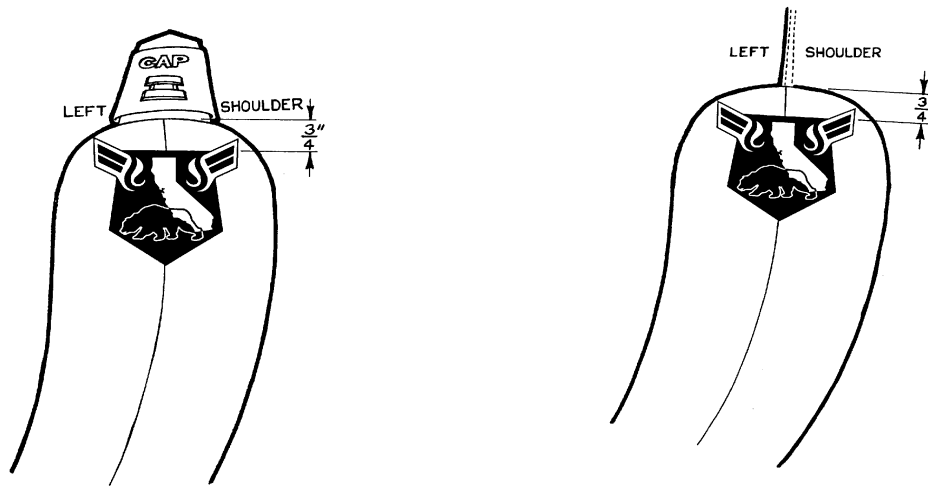
**7-3.f. (Added) Helmet Liners.** Military helmets or helmet liners are NOT authorized during emergency services missions or as safety headgear. If head protection is required, an OSHA-certified plastic hardhat is authorized.

**7-3.g. (Added) Berets.** Berets are NOT authorized for wear in California Wing.

**7-4 (Added) Color Guards.** Members of any unit color guard may wear white canvas leggings, white bootlaces (special lacing such as ladder, spider or similar is authorized), white or blue pistol belts, white or blue scarves (ascots), white or blue helmet liners, chrome helmets and white gloves. These items are to be worn only when performing color guard duties. These items are NOT authorized for other activities such as squadron meetings.

**7-5. (Added) What May Be Worn While Flying.** The bright royal blue 65/35 polyester/cotton jumpsuit is NOT authorized for mission flying activities. The royal blue, orange or sage green NOMEX flight suit is authorized for all flying activities. Black leather over the ankle lace-up boots will be worn with flight suits while participating in mission flight activities.

**7-8 (Added) Special Uniform for Sailplane Operations.** Members may wear a CAP distinctive shirt (Squadron shirt, activity shirt, or any California Wing approved golf shirt) with dark blue or khaki shorts (hemmed) or BDU pants and tennis shoes while participating in sailplane operations.



**Figure 5-12 (Added) Placement of the California Wing Patch.** The California Wing Patch is worn so that the center of the top edge of the patch is  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch below the shoulder seam. On shirts and jackets that have epaulets, center the patch below the epaulet. On garments without epaulets, place the patch so that the top center edge of the patch is  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch below the highest point of the shoulder seam as worn.

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#### SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Specifies BDU grade insignia for Senior Member NCOs.

Permits Senior Members to wear shoulder cords while performing color guard duty.